

Poison Prevention

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Millions of people each year are the victims of unintentional poisonings. A poisoning can happen at anytime to anyone. Be prepared. Know what to do and who to call if you suspect someone has been poisoned.

1. **PREVENT** poisonings. Find the most dangerous poisons in your home and lock them where children can not see or reach them. (See yukky poisons below)

Keep products in their original containers. Never store poisons in a food container.

Use child resistant caps and closures on medications and household products.

Poison proof other homes where your children may spend time.

2. **BE PREPARED.** Put the poison control number on or near each phone in your home and other homes where your children spend time.

National Capital Poison Center
1-800-222-1222

Keep ipecac syrup on hand but only use it if the poison control center tells you to.

3. **ACT FAST.** If you suspect someone has been poisoned, get help immediately. Don't wait! Call the **National Capital Poison Center** right away.

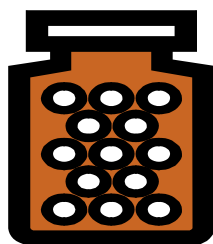
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Did you know?

According to the National Capital Poison Center, nearly 75% of callers are treated at home not at the hospital. Home treatment is safe when guided by the trained, nationally certified poison experts at the poison center.

Poison Control Centers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There is no charge for calling Poison Control and information is kept confidential.



Yukky Poisons

- medicines: prescription and non-prescription drugs and iron pills
- pesticides
- windshield washer fluid
- antifreeze
- drain cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners
- alcoholic beverages
- lamp oil, furniture polish
- gasoline, kerosene, paint thinner



If a poisoning occurs...

First, **remain calm!**

Have the following information ready:

- Patient's condition
- Name of product and ingredients
- How much of the product was taken
- Time poisoning happened
- Your name and phone number
- Age of poisoned patient
- Weight of patient